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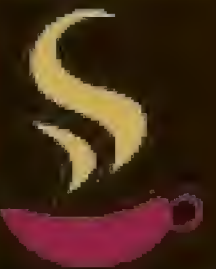
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Healing and heading home

Couple gets ready to see Fort McMurray house for the first time in a month



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Heather Thomas isn't sure how it will feel to see her still-standing house when she returns to Fort McMurray later this week.

"Things surprise you. Sometimes I'm fine ... but I have other days where I cry and I get angry," Thomas said.

"But it's OK, because that's part of the healing nature of going through a traumatic event."

Heather and her husband, Russell, said they feel lucky because their house in downtown was left unscathed. Still, going back comes with challenges. For one, it'll require the family to split up yet again.

The couple plans to be two of the first to return to the city as part of a phased re-entry, which starts Wednesday, for the more than 90,000 people who evacuated Fort McMurray in early May.

But because of air quality concerns and the lack of supplies in the city, their two sons — one of whom has asthma — will stay back in Edmonton.

Heather will also head back south after retrieving her car, leaving Russell to get the house ready for the family's eventual return.

The family was first separated by the wildfire about one month ago: the morning of



Heather and Russell Thomas prepared for their drive back to Fort McMurray in Calgary on Tuesday. AARON CHATHA/METRO

May 3 saw them on opposite sides of town — and as a result, forced to flee in opposite directions.

Russell, an artist, headed south that morning, to teach a painting workshop in Anzac.

"The sky was blue, the day looked perfect," he said.

Meanwhile, Heather welcomed a client at her home office in downtown Fort McMurray.

Her first indication of trouble was when her client's cellphone rang. And rang again. And rang a third time.

"So she checked her phone

— and she leapt off the table and ran out of the house," Heather said.

That's when she looked outside and saw the huge clouds of smoke billowing over a hill.

Heather picked up her youngest son from school. Luckily, her oldest had stayed

home sick that day, or would have been on the other side

of the city.

Meanwhile, about 25 minutes away, Russell's painting students were getting ready to paint.

When he heard evacuations had begun, he raced north, but it was too late.

"I hit the firewall that was just to the left of the highway, like literally, one row of trees away from the highway. And the flames were hundreds of feet high," he said.

Left with no choice, Russell drove south, eventually ending up in Calgary.

Heather, her two sons and the family hedgehog escaped north, and spent two nights going from workcamp to workcamp before eventually getting a flight out.

Two days after evacuating, they stepped off a plane in Calgary and into Russell's waiting arms.

"We did this family of four plus hedgehog hug," she said. "But it was probably the best hug I've ever had."

This time will be different, Heather says, though she's looking forward to reuniting as a family back in Fort Mac.

"That's where my kids were born, that's where I live," she said.

"It's home."



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Return to **FORT MAC**

Extra RCMP brought in for residents as re-entry begins



Alex Boyd
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As Fort McMurray residents begin to return to their homes this week, they'll do so under the watch of an increased police presence designed to keep everyone safe.

Approximately 150 members of the RCMP will be patrolling the streets of Fort McMurray Wednesday, including about 80 who have travelled from other parts of the province.

That's in addition to the 30 officers overseeing Highway 63, as the estimated 15,000 people expected to return Tuesday jostle for space on the one major road into town.

"The basic challenge is making sure everyone gets home safely," Supt. Rob McCloy of the Wood Buffalo RCMP said



Supt. Rob McCloy of Wood Buffalo RCMP says extra officers will be on hand to ensure a safe return to the city. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

addressing media Tuesday.

"We expect there will be extra traffic on the highways, we'll also have our RCMP helicopter in the air monitoring traffic."

The increased police

presence should also deter criminal activity as people return to their homes and belongings.

"As police officers we're trained to know when something's not right," he said, add-

ing that anyone who sees someone in a house they shouldn't be should call the police's non-emergency number.

He said an estimated 300 houses have been found unlocked or otherwise insecure

since the city was evacuated, but adds that this could also be the result of people leaving in a hurry.

He said owners of any properties left insecure will be contacted.

RENEWAL

Rebuild teams move in

While the doors to Fort McMurray open for everyone Wednesday, on Tuesday entry was by armband only, many of those reserved for the insurance adjusters, contractors and tradespeople who will help with much of the rebuilding.

As of Tuesday afternoon a line of several dozen people had formed at the checkpoint south of the city, waiting to get their armband before driving the last eight kilometres and getting to work.

Among them were Russ Williams and Robert Phillips, part of a group of Edmonton-based electricians helping with the process.

"It's something we're excited about, we're proud to be able to give something back," said Williams.

Phillips' sister and husband are residents of Fort McMurray who left in the evacuation, but whose house was still standing.

"It's kind of good to get a look from the ground level, and try to restore it the best we can for the Fort Macians who have left their homes." METRO

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Premier plans to greet evacuees

ON THE GROUND

**Notley says
she recalls 'a
mountain of
smoke' on visit**

Premier Rachel Notley plans to be in Fort McMurray on Wednesday to help residents turn the page on a devastating wildfire and says she will carry with her vivid memories of the early days of the disaster.

Scenes of families in trucks and cars reduced to a crawl as they tried to escape through curtains of flame below a sky raining embers.

The day she went to the region and the wildfire literally chased her around.

The tour of destroyed neighbourhoods reduced to grey expanses of soot.

It was the small things that jumped out.

"I hadn't realized ... you go to a place where there was a house and what do you see on the ground? Nails. Piles and piles of nails," said Notley in an interview with The Canadian Press.

"Because that's what's left when everything burns to the ground. Just nails everywhere."

Notley recalled the first day, May 3, was focused on getting people out and nothing more.

She said she was amazed to see families in cars inch their way past flames and not break down into mad panic.

A day later, Notley flew to Fort McMurray to see what the province was up against and looked down on a city shrouded by "a mountain of smoke."



Premier Rachel Notley speaks about her Fort McMurray wildfire experience during an interview in Edmonton on Monday.

JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

She landed at the operations centre at the airport just as the fire forced staff there to head south to the hamlet of Anzac.

Notley flew to Anzac under a blue sky, met and chatted with people, and suddenly everyone was on the run again.

"There was this great big wall of black (smoke) coming toward Anzac. That was the day where we had the biggest sense of the intensity, of the heat, and of the unpredictability of the fire."

It was a disaster without a playbook: A fire that changed from hour to hour, the province needing to scramble in fire crews, get people out and find homes and money for evacuees — all while protecting the city and the nearby oilsands so critical to Alberta's economy.

For more than two weeks straight, Notley's attention was solely on the fire as she received briefings and then spoke to reporters at the operations centre in Edmonton.

The plan, in short, was constant updates. All facts and no speculation. Those were the lessons learned in the fire that destroyed part of Slave Lake in 2011. Notley faced daily demands to update the number and location of homes lost and deliver a date to get evacuees back.

At night, she said, the fire came home with her.

"It'd be hard not to (think about it), but I would think about it in a different context. I would think about it as a parent. I would talk about it with my kids."

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COMING HOME

What do returning Fort Mac residents need to bring?

■ Enough food, drinking water and prescription medication to last up to 14 days. A boil-water advisory continues to be in effect and stores are still being cleaned up and restocked.

■ Appropriate clothing, including boots, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves N-95 dust masks

■ A camera to document any damage for insurance purposes.

■ A flashlight, as some homes may not have power.

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DISASTER MITIGATION

Fires underline need for national discussion

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley says the devastating fire in Fort McMurray underlines the need for a national discussion on disaster mitigation.

Notley said Tuesday she has already asked that the subject be added to the agenda for July's premiers meeting in Whitehorse, Yukon.

"We're not the first jurisdiction that's been struggling with this problem. It's happening all over the country, which is one of the reasons why we're wanting to look at a broader conversation, because we're frankly not the only province with a lot of boreal forest," Notley said.

"We have a federal disaster

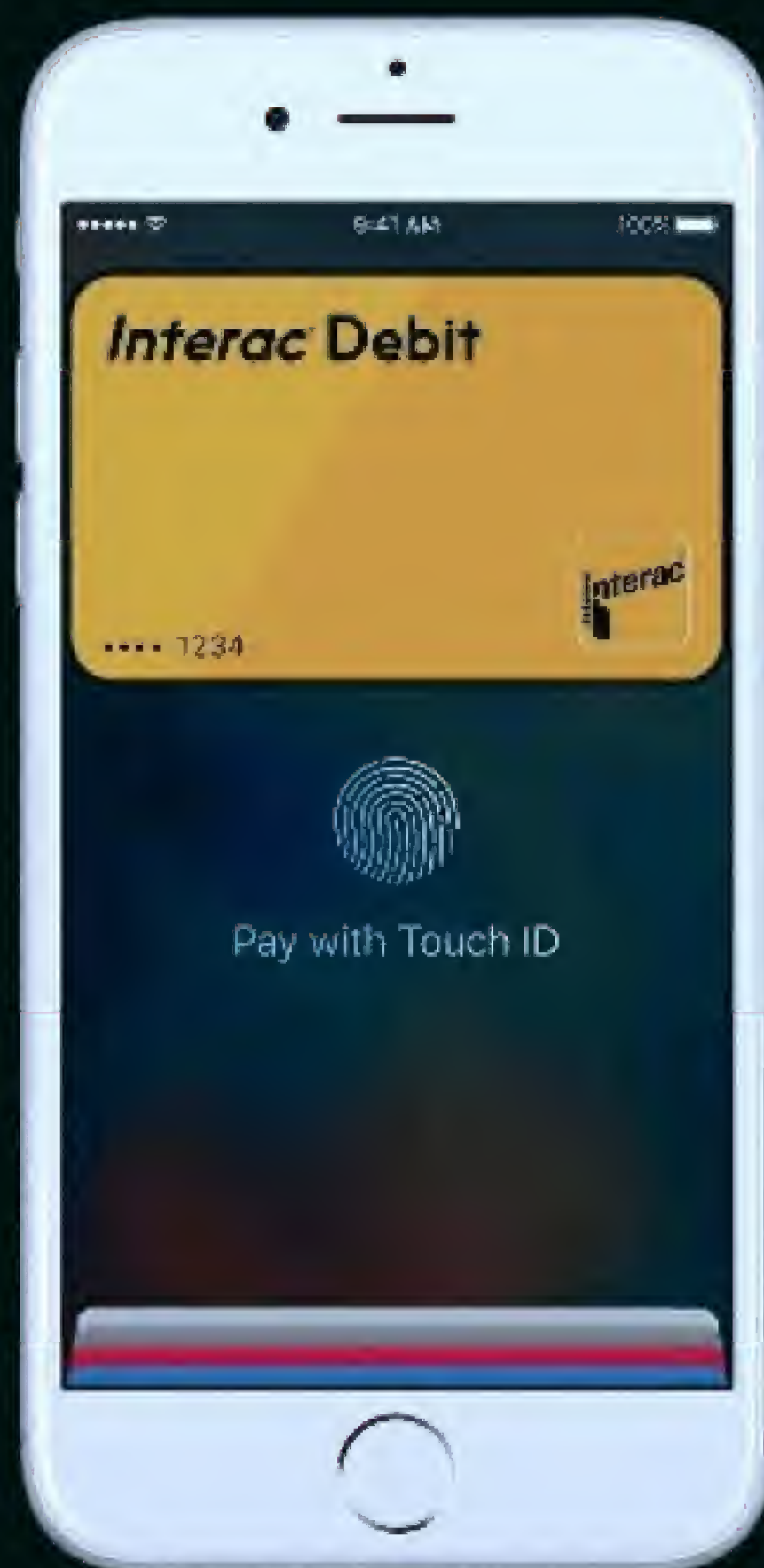
relief program but we also need to look at whether there's the opportunity for potentially more federal support."

The premier said her government is reviewing recommendations from earlier reports such as the one after the 2011 fire in Slave Lake, Alta.

A review committee set up after the fire warned that "aging coniferous forests dominate more of the landscape" and are more flammable than they were 50 years ago.

"The risk of wildfires and the threat they pose to lives, homes, communities and industry is increasing," the review concluded. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Wildrose MP back in caucus

LEGISLATURE

Fildebrandt returns after suspension over Facebook gaffe

An Alberta Wildrose legislature member suspended for an inappropriate comment on social media about Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne is back in the fold.

The Wildrose announced Tuesday that Derek Fildebrandt has agreed to change his conduct on social media and is back effective immediately.

"There is a clear commitment from Derek to address caucus concerns to be accountable for his track record on social media and to take steps to fix it," Wildrose leader Brian Jean said in a news release.

"Derek is an important member of our Wildrose team and we all expect him to have a bright future within our organization."

Neither Jean nor Fildebrandt could be reached for an interview.

Premier Rachel Notley, speaking to reporters in Calgary, said



Wildrose MLA Derek Fildebrandt. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Fildebrandt's suspension stems from the Wildrose caucus decision last week to embarrass Wynne in the legislature while she was there as an official guest.

"We see a party that is in a bit of disarray," said Notley. She noted Alberta needs Ontario on-side to get the Energy East pipeline to take Alberta crude to ports and refineries in New Brunswick. Fildebrandt's suspension was

short but nevertheless roiled party ranks when it was announced just before midnight Friday.

Some riding presidents immediately demanded Fildebrandt be reinstated. Partisans demanded the same on social media.

The suspension itself was never really a suspension. The legislature office was not informed and Fildebrandt's desk

in the chamber was never moved out of the Wildrose benches.

Fildebrandt, 30, is a key player with the Wildrose, sitting on the front bench with Jean.

He is famous for bombastic exchanges and hyperbolic statements in the house that successfully, at times, get under skin of Notley's government.

Last Thursday, Fildebrandt did so again, excoriating Premier Kathleen Wynne's Ontario gov-

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Brian Jean

ernment over its high spending and debt while Wynne sat in the gallery.

The Wynne affair led to heated debate on social media last Friday, with some condemning the question and others saying Wynne needed to hear hard truths regardless of political niceties.

One constituent on Fildebrandt's Facebook page applauded his stance and joked about Wynne's sexuality. She is openly gay.

"Proud to have constituents like you!" Fildebrandt wrote back.

He quickly apologized online for the comment, but was suspended that night anyway.

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PROPERTY

Problem landlord crackdown coming

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

City administration is promising to take a stronger approach to problem residential properties this year, but residents want to see bulldozers at the worst sites.

Administration updated council Tuesday on their plans to be more aggressive in finding problem landlords and a new task force that will coordinate efforts between multiple agencies to deal with the problem.

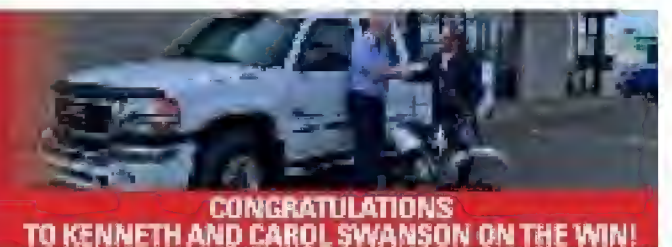
Residents of several core neighbourhoods that have seen many of these problem properties, worried the task force wouldn't do enough.

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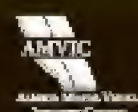
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Law would give cities new housing tools

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Mayor says new bill could lessen the city's cost burden



Ryan Tumilty
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The Alberta government is hoping to hand municipalities broad new powers to reduce the costs of growth and to boost affordable housing.

Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee introduced the new Municipal Government Act Tuesday, which if passed would for the first time allow Alberta municipalities to charge land developers a portion of costs they spend building new fire halls, recreation centres, libraries and police stations.

"Right now, growth is not being funded by growth; it is being funded by the whole municipality," said Larivee. "This approach will make sure that the fire halls, swimming pools and services people need are there when they move in."

The new bill would also allow cities like Edmonton to mandate inclusionary zoning, which can force developers to include a percentage of affordable housing in new developments.

"There are more than 30,000 Albertans on wait lists for government-supported affordable housing units or programs," said Larivee.

Brad Armstrong, chair of the Urban Development Institute, said the group is still reviewing the legislation, but feels both the cost of affordable housing and proposed levies won't be paid by developers.

"They get transferred to the cost of a new home," he said.

A recent study Edmonton commissioned revealed that three new greenfield developments would cost the city \$1.4 billion more than they will ul-



The new legislation will add costs to new growth in the suburbs to account for the cost of new services. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

timately reap in taxes over their lifespan.

Mayor Don Iveson said the act could reduce that burden.

"It's new tools in the tool box, which will reduce the long-term requirement to the general taxpayer," he said.

Iveson also said he understands the changes could add to the cost of new homes, but that might be the fairest solution.

"There is a case to be made that where there is a clear and direct benefit to a new homeowner that cost should be borne by that new homeowner."

Municipalities must work together

According to the new act, Calgary and Edmonton will need growth management boards, designed to tackle the big issue as the major cities expand.

Edmonton already has one through the Capital Region Board while Calgary doesn't.

The boards will look at how to share costs between municipalities for shared services. If the boards can't come up with

plans the province will step in to mandate them. They have three years after the bill comes into law in 2017 to figure that out.

Different taxation

The government has freed up municipalities to assess different kinds of businesses at different tax rates, in a bid to potentially support small business.

Cities would be allowed to charge a convenience store lower taxes than an oil and gas plant, for example, but the government is still developing regulations.

More tax changes

Municipalities won't be able to charge businesses drastically more than they charge residents under new rules in the legislation. The province has instituted a capped ratio of 5 to 1, meaning business tax can't be more than five times higher than residential ones.

The cap won't mean changes for Edmonton or Calgary, but 18 communities in the province currently have a larger than the acceptable ratio.

POLITICS

Amarjeet Sohi spends more than \$800K on new office

The Conservatives have trained their targets on former Edmonton city councillor and current infrastructure minister, Amarjeet Sohi, following revelations that his office renovations have cost more than \$800,000.

"The show stopper is the minister of infrastructure

and communities, who spent \$835,000 on renovations and paintings," charged Alberta Tory MP Blaine Calkins, during question period Tuesday.

Sohi says he essentially had to set up an entirely new department, with space for his

staff, a deputy minister and public servants.

"Our commitments require a dedicated minister, a dedicated ministry and a dedicated DM in order to deliver on the expectations of Canadians," Sohi responded.

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City fights for Iron Works

HERITAGE

Council argues for a historic label ahead of demolition



Ryan Tumilty
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The city is aggressively working to spare a historic property downtown from a date with the wrecking ball.

Councillors voted last week in favour of a notice to designate the former Edmonton Iron Works building on 96th Street near 104th Avenue as a historic property, even though the owner wants to tear the building down.

Typically, the city has only placed historic designations on properties with the owner's co-operation, but Edmonton's chief planner, Peter Ohm, said that stance is changing.

"Some members of council have expressed frustration on the ability of us to retain historic properties," Ohm



The Edmonton Iron Works building was constructed in 1909 and features historic details, as well as a ghost sign. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

said. "We're in this situation where they have asked us to explore more ways."

The owner of the building, a numbered company, can

make its case against the historic designation when council reviews it later this year.

The city's subdivision and development appeal board

approved a demolition permit for the site last week as well, but the attempt to designate the property overrides it.

Ohm said the city's efforts

“
It's one of our last best remaining examples of industrial architecture.
”
Peter Ohm

go further, as it is also trying to expropriate the property after negotiations to buy it from the owner fell through. He said he hopes with the possibility of a historic designation, the owner might be more open.

"We would like to start up another conversation that would lead to the preservation of the building and us eventually acquiring that parcel if that's what it takes," he said.

The Iron Works building was home to one of the city's earliest foundries. Ohm said if the building were demolished it would be a significant loss to the community.

"It's one of our last best remaining examples of industrial architecture," he said.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Dialogue key for mental health



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

The chair of the Edmonton Catholic School Board is pushing the government to adopt a new mental-health policy that values empathy over punishment for supposed troublemakers.

"We know that most of our students who abuse cigarettes, alcohol or drugs do so because they're trying to self-medicate," said board chair Marilyn Bergstra. "We end up removing them from the school. And that is the absolute single worst thing you can do to a student suffering from genetic anxiety."

Bergstra introduced a motion Tuesday to request a broad mental-health plan be added to Alberta's curriculum. Young students would be taught to build self-esteem, effectively communicate feelings, respond appropriately when others express feelings and not keep secrets — among other behavioural skills.



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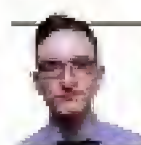
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Dying policy not 'compassionate'

LEGISLATION

Critics argue that Catholic centres should not be exempt



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

An advocacy group is slamming Covenant Health for refusing to provide medically assisted death for patients who request it.

The Alberta legislature debated a framework for assisted dying Tuesday as Canada prepares for new federal legislation that could pass June 6, but the Catholic institution Covenant Health — which runs 18 hospitals and care centres across Alberta — has said it will not allow the practice.

"Covenant Health's policy is completely over-broad. It doesn't recognize that patients within their facilities have different religious beliefs and it doesn't recognize that physicians probably



Covenant Health, the Catholic institution that runs the Misericordia and other Alberta hospitals, will not provide medically assisted death at its facilities. METRO FILE

have a diversity of opinions as well," said Brad Peter, Edmonton spokesman for Dignity Canada. "It's not a very compassionate policy from our perspective."

Provincial officials have said institutions will be able to refuse assisted death but will be required to transfer patients to facilities that will carry out their wishes if they meet the criteria.

Peter said Covenant should bring in an outside physician in the rare case it is needed.

Because Covenant is mostly publicly funded, he feels the provider should not get an exemption. He is particularly concerned that Covenant operates most of Alberta's palliative care beds, and some are the only space available in their communities.

Covenant Health President and CEO Patrick Dumelie said the issue is one of "conscience rights," and physicians agree when they take a position at a Covenant facility that they will not participate in assisted dying.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

Assisted suicide bill passes House

The federal government's controversial bill on assisted dying sailed through the House of Commons on Tuesday, approved by a vote of 186-137.

"It's an historic day," Health Minister Jane Philpott said immediately following the vote, thanking MPs for passing a bill she said "will essentially transform end-of-life care options for Canadians."

Only four Liberal MPs — including Rob Oliphant, the chair of a special joint parliamentary committee that had recommended a much more permissive approach to assisted dying — voted against Bill C-14, as did most Conservatives, all New Democrat and Bloc Quebecois MPs and Green Leader Elizabeth May.

But the bill now heads into choppy waters in the Senate, where the government has less control over the agenda and many independent-minded

senators are pushing for amendments.

It is virtually guaranteed the bill will not be passed by Monday, the day the ban on assisted dying is formally lifted in accordance with last year's landmark Supreme Court ruling.

"No, no, impossible," Sen. Claude Carignan, Conservative leader in the Senate.

Senators are not dragging their feet; they've agreed to extend their sitting hours and have taken the usual step of inviting Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould and Philpott to testify about the bill before the entire Senate on Wednesday.

However, they must still debate the bill at second reading, send it to committee to hear from some half a dozen witnesses, propose and consider possible amendments and debate and vote on the bill a final time.

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Beverley McLachlin, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, says any public consternation over physician-assisted dying can't be attributed to a lack of awareness. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

MIDDLE EAST

Dallaire decries inaction on Syria

Anthony Lake was in a Syrian hospital a few months ago watching surgery being performed on a sniper victim, whose age he could not determine because of the severity of the injuries.

Lake, the executive director of the United Nations Children's Fund, watched the doctors pluck pieces of the patient's jawbone out of his shattered face using what he called "old instruments" in a setting he described as "sort of an operating room."

Lake was shown the anaesthetic that was being used. Its best-before date was several years ago.

"It's an outrage," the head of UNICEF said Tuesday in an exclusive interview with The Canadian Press by telephone from his New York City office.

"Badly, in a word," is how Lake described the way things are currently going in Syria.

That sense of outrage echoed on Parliament Hill on Tuesday,

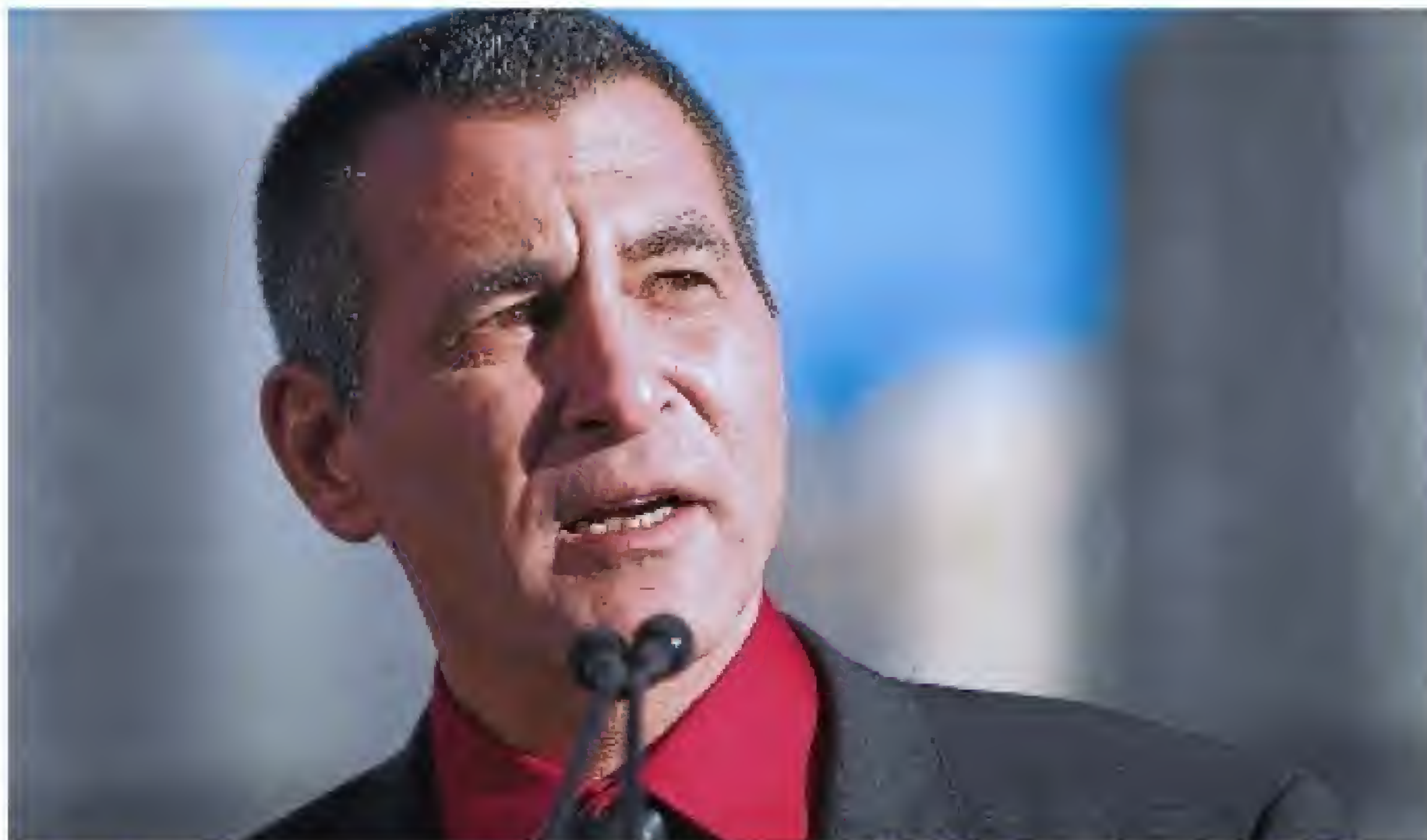


Romeo Dallaire THE CANADIAN PRESS

when retired Canadian general and former senator Romeo Dallaire said the Rwandan genocide is being repeated right now in Syria and the world isn't doing enough to stop it.

Dallaire was part of a delegation that displayed some of the 55,000 forensic photos that depict atrocities committed against civilians in Syrian prisons by the regime of President Bashar Assad.

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Fisheries Minister Hunter Tootoo has resigned from the federal cabinet and the Liberal caucus, a statement from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fisheries minister leaves cabinet, caucus

POLITICS

Hunter Tootoo taking time 'to seek treatment for addiction'

Fisheries Minister Hunter Tootoo, citing "addiction issues," has resigned from the federal cabinet and is leaving the Liberal caucus.

Dominic LeBlanc, the government's House leader, will assume Tootoo's cabinet responsibilities.

A statement from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's office says Tootoo is "taking time to seek

treatment for addiction issues."

Tootoo, the first northerner to take on the role of fisheries minister, issued a brief statement saying he was stepping down in order not to distract from the important work of his colleagues.

Tootoo said he has "decided to seek treatment for addiction issues" and asked for "privacy at this time."

The nature of his addiction was not specified.

The announcement about Tootoo's troubles drew words of support from former Ontario premier Bob Rae, who tweeted: "Wish him well in his battle."

And Grand Chief Alvin Fidler

also took to Twitter to offer support for Tootoo on behalf of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation in northern Ontario: "sending prayers and support to Hunter Tootoo as he seeks healing."

Tootoo was born in Rankin Inlet in 1963 and immediately had to fight for his life.

"I was medevaced (airlifted) out," Tootoo said in an interview last year. "I was in an incubator for the first three months of my life, so I am told."

After overcoming this struggle, Tootoo went on to live in various parts of Canada, including Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan before making his way back to the North in

the early 1990s.

The 52-year-old was first elected as the MLA for Iqaluit Centre in 1999, where he served for 14 years and was the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly until 2013. He also held a number of cabinet positions in the territorial government.

In November, a month after Tootoo defeated former Conservative cabinet minister Leona Aglukkaq to claim the federal riding of Nunavut, he said he hoped to transfer his political experience to a national scale.

"I think that it is going to be very beneficial to me as we move forward," he said.

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ENVIRONMENT

Toxic rocket to make a splash in the Arctic

Environmentalists are angry that a Russian rocket stage potentially carrying highly toxic chemicals is expected to splash down this weekend in a biodiversity hotspot in the Canadian Arctic.

"The idea of dropping a missile full of toxic chemicals in the Arctic waters off Baffin Island is just as preposterous as drilling for oil there," Greenpeace Arctic campaigner Alex Speers-Roesch said Tuesday.

"Dumping these chemicals from a ship would be a clear violation of international and Canadian law, and it is no more

acceptable when it is dumped from the air."

An international aviation authority has issued a notice warning that debris from a Russian rocket launch is slated to fall Saturday into Baffin Bay. That's outside Canada's territorial waters but inside an economic zone the country partially controls.

The space debris is a stage from a rocket set off under Russia's Rokot program, a for-profit service that launches commercial satellites, said Michael Byers, a professor of international law and an Arctic expert at UBC.

Byers said Russia is following

the rules by informing aviation authorities of the launch and the splashdown. The stage is falling over a remote stretch of water between Greenland and the southern tip of Ellesmere Island.

He notes Rokot uses repurposed Cold-War-era intercontinental ballistic missiles to launch satellites. Those missiles, the SS-19, use hydrazine for fuel.

The rocket stage is expected to come down in what is called the North Water Polynya, an 85,000-square-kilometre area of Arctic sea that naturally remains ice free year round.

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Hydrazine is known to be extremely toxic — so toxic that technicians working with it have to use pressurized hazmat suits.

The open water is a refuge for narwhal, beluga, walrus and bowhead whales. Its plankton-rich waters draw shoals of Arctic cod, providing food for an ecosystem that also supports seals, polar bears and millions of seabirds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CINCINNATI ZOO

Police investigate gorilla incident

Police said Tuesday they were investigating the circumstances surrounding a 4-year-old boy entering a gorilla's exhibit at the Cincinnati Zoo and the animal being shot to death to protect the child. A federal investigation is also planned.

A federal inspection less than two months ago found no problems with the zoo's Gorilla World exhibit, but earlier zoo inspections reported issues including the potential danger to the public from a March incident involving wandering polar bears.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters' office said Cincinnati police are investigating what transpired with the death of the gorilla named Harambe on Saturday. Afterward, police will talk with prosecutors about

whether charges are warranted, the office said.

Police said over the weekend that no charges were planned, but spokeswoman Tiffany Hardy said Tuesday they are still gathering information.

Some critics have said the boy's parents should be charged with child endangering, while others want the zoo held responsible for the death of the 17-year-old gorilla. The boy was released from a hospital, and his family has said he's "doing just fine."

Tanya Espinosa, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said that it would be looking for any violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

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PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Trump blasts press on donation questions

Under pressure to account for money he claimed to raise for veterans, an irritated Donald Trump lambasted the news media Tuesday for pressing the issue and listed charities he said have now received millions of dollars from a fundraiser he held in January.

Phone calls to all 41 of the groups by The Associated Press brought more than two-dozen responses Tuesday. About half reported checks from Trump within the past week, typically dated May 24, the day The Washington Post published a story questioning whether he had distributed all of the money.

Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, told reporters at a testy news conference in New York that the fundraiser, held at the same time as a Fox News GOP debate he was boycotting, raised \$5.6 million. He previously had declined



Donald Trump.
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to disclose which charities had received the funds, and his campaign has gone back and forth about how much was raised.

He repeatedly criticized the press for making the money an issue, saying reporters "should be ashamed of themselves" for asking where the money had gone.

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A man and his daughter wait during a distribution of meals aboard the rescue ship Aquarius, on May 25, a day after a massive rescue operation of migrants and refugees off the Libyan coast. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Migrant deaths on sea route growing

REFUGEE CRISIS

Estimated 880 dead this week a 'conservative' count: UN

The treacherous Mediterranean Sea crossing from Libya to Italy has claimed the lives of over 1,030 migrants in the last week, mostly as barely seaworthy smuggling boats foundered and sank despite calm seas and sunny skies, a migration agency said Tuesday, citing new accounts from survivors.

The staggering death toll

foreshadows more disasters ahead in the next few months as the region gears up for its traditional summer-fall spike in human trafficking as the weather improves and the seas grow warmer. Aid officials said it also suggests that Libyan smuggling gangs are using even riskier tactics than before to profit from the torrent of those desperate to reach the safety or economic promise of Europe.

The jaw-dropping tally is only from shipwrecks that are known to authorities, who readily admit they simply do not know how many people are being cheated by smugglers, jammed into obviously

“There were many women and children.”
Filmon Selomon

unsuitable vessels and swallowed up by the vast waters of the southern Mediterranean.

Two Eritreans interviewed by The Associated Press — among the hundreds of shipwreck survivors brought to Italian ports — were haunted by the fact that so many women and children had been on their cap-sized boat and did not survive.

They said they could still hear their cries.

UN refugee spokesman William Spindler told reporters at a news conference in Geneva that this year is already proving to be “particularly deadly” on the Mediterranean, with some 2,510 lives lost compared to 1,855 in the same time span a year ago.

The UN refugee agency said Tuesday it had tallied at least 880 deaths on the Mediterranean over the last week. Spindler noted such estimates are an inexact science, and said his agency's figures tend to be “conservative.”

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ECONOMY

Markets lose steam as growth slows

The Canadian economy appears to be losing steam as it heads into the second quarter, which is expected to be a tough period made worse by the Alberta wildfires.

Statistics Canada said Tuesday the economy contracted by 0.2 per cent in March for a second consecutive negative month as real gross domestic product grew at a slower-than-expected pace in the first quarter.

David Watt, chief economist at HSBC Bank Canada, says the economy is struggling to maintain its underlying momentum.

"The important takeaway from my perspective is that we had this weakness unfolding even before we start talking about the wildfires in Alberta, which is going to just disrupt economic data over the next couple of months," he said.

"My concern is that we lack drivers of the economy heading into the second quarter and into the second half of the year."

The economy grew at an annual rate of 2.4 per cent in the first quarter, Statistics Canada said. That was slower than the 2.9 per cent pace economists expected, says Thomson Reuters.

Overall, growth in the first quarter was helped by exports, which were up 1.7 per cent following a drop of 0.4 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2015. Investment in housing was also

up in the first quarter, with business investment in residential structures up 2.7 per cent and household final consumption spending rising 0.6 per cent.

The Bank of Canada said last week that the fires that devastated parts of Fort McMurray, Alta., and forced the shutdown of several oil sands operations would shave 1.25 percentage points off real GDP growth in the second quarter.

The Bank of Canada is expected to update its full outlook for the economy and inflation in its next monetary policy report on July 13, when it also makes its next rate announcement.

TD Bank senior economist Leslie Preston said the GDP report is further evidence

of the central bank's message that the adjustment to lower oil prices has been uneven.

"The underlying fragility of Canada's economy beneath this see-saw growth pattern will necessitate monetary policy to remain stimulative for quite some time," Preston said.

In addition to the reports for March and the first quarter, Statistics Canada lowered its estimate for January growth to 0.5 per cent compared with an earlier estimate of 0.6 per cent. It also cut its estimates for growth in the last three quarters of 2015.

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0.2%

Stats Canada says the domestic economy contracted by 0.2 per cent in March.

IN BRIEF

Toronto mining firm faces new charges in man's death

A Toronto-based mining company is facing new charges in connection with the death of a worker last year. Denis Millette, 52, died of acute cyanide intoxication while repairing equipment at a Detour Gold Corp. mine in Cochrane, Ont., on June 3, 2015. The provincial Ministry of Labour has laid 15 charges against the company relating to the incident, in addition to a criminal charge of negligence causing death last month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Competition Bureau won't oppose beer merger

The Competition Bureau says it won't oppose two proposed beer mergers involving Canada's largest breweries.

In a ruling announced Tuesday, the federal agency said the proposed acquisition of SABMiller by Labatt parent company Anheuser-Busch InBev and related divestiture of Miller brands to Molson Coors will not lessen or prevent competition in Canada.

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All Saints Anglican Church, owned by local residents, is used for a book launch reception in Ottawa last Thursday. The idea of turning her local Ottawa church into a community hub was at the forefront of Moussa's mind when the building went up for sale two years ago. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Churches convert space for stability

FINANCES

Buildings being repurposed for yoga and tango classes, daycare

The idea of turning her local church into a community hub was at the forefront of Leanne Moussa's mind when it went up for sale two years ago.

With a group of other residents, Moussa paid \$1.52 million for All Saints Anglican Church in Ottawa, once the site of Prime Minister Robert Borden's state funeral.

"We had a real interest in preserving what we see as an important place of Canadian history, and preserving that as

a public space in some way," she said. "We think this building and this property has served some important functions, not just for the congregation but for the larger community."

Once the renovations and repairs are complete, the church will be home to a coffee shop, a wedding event space and meeting rooms for book launches, art shows and activist groups. Eventually, the church's lower hall will be turned into a permanent restaurant.

Moussa, who is not religious, notes All Saints is still a home of worship for faith-based groups. It's used as a mosque on Friday, a synagogue on Saturday and a church to two Christian groups on Sunday. It's also a destination for tango and yoga classes.

"Our business plan is focused

on being a financially viable project that continues to serve the community and we think we can do both," she said.

"We want to continue to engage the community, have people continue to come here so they can start to get the feel of this place as a hub."

Declining congregations and climbing maintenance costs have

secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches, which bills itself as the largest ecumenical group in Canada, says there are a number of examples across the country where crumbling church buildings have been converted into bustling venues.

"What people have become aware of, which is great stewardship, is that these are great build-

“Churches should not be sitting empty. They can be busy, active, interesting, fun places.” Karen Hamilton

added to the financial troubles some churches have had to deal with over the past few years. It's led some to come up with creative alternative uses to keep their churches financially sound.

Rev. Karen Hamilton, general

ings that offer great spaces and facilities and should be used all the time," said Hamilton.

"Churches should not be sitting empty. They can be busy, active, interesting, fun places all day long." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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When people begin returning to Fort McMurray today, the natural reaction might be to see it as the end of a dark chapter — the most difficult times falling behind us — and to be thankful that so much human suffering has been balanced by so little loss of life.

This is all true. Today does mark the beginning of the end of fear and adrenaline for the residents of Fort McMurray. And we should be thankful.

But today also marks the onset of a perfect storm the Alberta government must weather. And how it chooses to do this will tell us whether the Alberta you think you know can stay that way for long.

The background: In its most recent provincial budget, tabled about a month before the wildfires, the Alberta government noted its largest ever drop in the revenues from oil royalties, thanks, of course, to the tumbling price of oil.

The drop was staggering, falling from \$7.2 billion in 2014-15 to just \$989 million in 2016, and it forced Alberta to revise its own recently created spending cap to allow it to borrow more money.

To give you an idea just how dire this was before the fire arrived, Alberta had already projected it would have to be loaned some \$57.6 billion by the 2018-19 fiscal year — and it was already using borrowed money to pay for basics like teachers' and doc-

tors' wages. Rather unprecedented in a province of plenty. And, to add insult, the province's credit rating had already been downgraded several times.

The strategy to face this was the standard Albertan refrain: We won't introduce what other provinces rely on, like sales taxes; we'll wait for the future, when oil prices will surely rebound. To this the NDP government added

berta at least \$985 million in real GDP in 2016. But Marie-Christine Bernard, who helped prepare the study, pointed out that the report came before the wildfire turned around and attacked oilsands work camps, forcing some 9,000 to evacuate and delaying oil production yet again. Bernard said the updated report, due in about two weeks, will adjust its lost-GDP estimate upward.

now, to pay for evacuations and to rebuild Fort McMurray while oil production has been stunted and the price of oil is forecast to hover around \$40 a barrel through 2016, before possibly climbing into the \$50 region by 2017. For context, in 2015, when oil fell to \$60 a barrel from its highs of more than \$100, alarm bells were already being rung. The clock on when it needs to rebound to rescue Alberta's long-standing status quo has almost definitely struck midnight.

The reflexive answer from the left that usually pops up in tough times is increasing taxes. The reflexive response to increasing taxes from the right is to cut spending.

Politically speaking, the Alberta government can't afford to do either.

In early 2015, a Mainstreet Technologies poll, published by the Calgary Herald in the days before the provincial election, found that just 15 per cent of Alberta respondents were in favour of increasing taxes to offset falling oil revenues. More than 40 per cent said spending should be cut instead. And just nine per cent said a sales tax would be the best solution. (Alberta is alone in provincial Canada in not having a sales tax.)

Meanwhile, who would propose the idea of cutting spending in a time like this? Rebuilding Fort McMurray is a must. Spending is without doubt set to increase for many years ahead.

And so, whether it wants to or not, the Alberta you may think you know from your perch in Toronto, Winnipeg, Halifax or Vancouver, is doubtlessly set to change.

Really, the fires have only begun.

Tim Querengesser is the managing editor of Metro Edmonton.



The devastated neighbourhood of Abasand is shown in Fort McMurray. Thousands of evacuees are expected to return to the city today.

JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

the idea of stimulus: Let's build infrastructure and bolster the economy with construction jobs. To that end it announced more than \$7 billion for things like roads and bridges.

But in the aftermath of the Fort McMurray wildfires, which were disturbingly symbolic in attacking the centre of Alberta oil production, a reckoning on that strategy is inescapable.

In mid-May the Conference Board of Canada estimated the wildfire would cost Al-

We ran the numbers and it could be by as much as another \$400 million — meaning Alberta is set for a hit in excess of \$1 billion.

Which brings us to the perfect storm. The question facing Rachel Notley's NDP government is stark: How will Alberta manage perhaps the nastiest downturn it has ever encountered, compounded by the Fort McMurray wildfires, without doing something far different than before?

Consider: Big pots of money are being spent, right

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Old guard of women's mags helping bring feminism into fashion

With only a tenuous tie to any concept of feminism, women's magazines have long been a safe haven for sexism, selling women an "idea of women" as supremely desirable, ornamental, domestic and rich.

That has made them like candy to me: an indulgence that's bad for my health. A flip-book of women I'll never be, but that some small part of me still aspires to: the sexiest, the most stylish. The perfect.

This tradition has not died, but it is being infiltrated, and even undermined.

Take Glamour magazine's series "Abortion in America: The Tipping Point," which promises to look at "what's next for activists on both sides" but features headlines that are clearly pro-choice. E.g., "I've Already Been 'Punished' For My Abortion," "Oklahoma Governor Sees Reasons, Vetoes Anti-Abortion Bill" and "Terrifying (and True) Facts About Violence Against Abortion Providers."

The Cut, ostensibly New York Magazine's lifestyle vertical, has lately been the home of feminist takes on everything from Rokudenashiko, the Japanese vagina artist, to how not to give women dating advice, to sexism in Hollywood. Refinery29, an online fashion/lifestyle magazine, was seemingly founded to serve hip young women willing to click on a #sexism link.

Then there's Cosmopolitan, which announced political coverage to great fanfare in 2014, a move that

MSNBC attributed to "a high demand for conversations on women's political issues." Recently, Cosmo published a slam piece on Donald Trump's "soft" misogyny and a look at how Baylor University "Failed to Help Women Who Were Sexually Assaulted" with the subhead "This is a really big deal."

In Canada, Chatelaine has been shifting gears under editor-in-chief Lianne George, publishing feminist takes on Jian Ghomeshi (while shying away from the word "feminism"), a series of personal essays on women's relationships to their breasts, and regular dispatches on women's issues from columnist Rachel Giese. Even Flare magazine profiled the "Boss Babe" of Toronto's women-only taxi service DriveHer, amid stories of runaway-inspired prom hair.

That doesn't mean women's mags aren't flogging the usual wares ("Get tight abs" "Wake up hotter!"). Nor that the whole package isn't still racialized (Caution: white women everywhere!) and classist.

But I do take heart in these small improvements. If Glamour cares this much about abortion (a fact that surprised me), that's clearly because it's listening to its readers. Branding yourself in line with the modern woman's identity requires adding a feminist spin.

I will take a side of "The gender pay gap sucks," then, with that slideshow of the season's best block heels, thank you very much.

How will Alberta manage perhaps its nastiest downturn ever, without doing something different than before?

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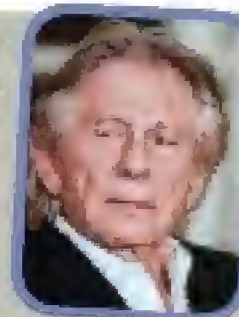
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Burgundy's famous **Domaine Ponsot** vintages were at the centre of Rudy Kurniawan's (seen inset) wine fraud scandal. COURTESY SOUR GRAPES

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



When one thinks of heist movies, they generally don't think of Beaujolais.

Then again, with most of us unable to truly tell the difference between an expensive sip of Burgundy from the Puligny-Montrachet region of France and a swig of cheap vino from New Jersey, it's a wonder there isn't more wine fraud.

In the new film *Sour Grapes*, filmmakers Jerry Rothwell and Reuben Atlas uncovered the story of Rudy Kurniawan — a phony wine savant who was able to surround himself with society's elite and earn millions auctioning counterfeit vintages.

"Wine has its own language, and it's a strange language because it's about putting taste into words," explained Rothwell.

"There's good and bad wine and there's got to be some way to define that and it's into that gap where Rudy jumps — this thing that's hard to pin down, subjective and very much about the context."

Context is everything when discussing the high-end world of wine collecting. As the film shows, Kurniawan was able to mimic the rarest vintages by cracking into high society circles. Billionaire Bill Koch even purchased about \$4 million worth of Kurniawan's stock — which the infamous financier eventually found to be bogus.

"It's just been commodified into this thing for which incredible amounts of money change hands," said Rothwell of the runaway wine market at the turn of the millennium, when Kurniawan's con was at its height.

"We both knew the film had to take a non-wine audience

into this weird world of wine aficionados," said Rothwell of the movie's caper-like structure.

"As we started to realize Rudy was going to be the mysterious centre of the film rather than the narrative voice, it would become a film that was about being conned and about vulnerability."

Surely, there is some cathartic pleasure in watching millionaires fall prey to a seemingly harmless hustler. But even as both filmmakers stated their aim was to "hold a finger up to sommeliers telling you why you ordered wrong," they also discovered the world of wine collection is more than just snobbery.

"Wine is a legitimate art form and collectors even have legitimacy," said Atlas. "You may disagree with the money they spend (but) the more I learned about the wine world, the more I felt sympathetic to everybody."

The Essentials of Wine Investment

Wine is no longer just for drinking. With the world's most expensive vintages worth thousands of dollars, collectors are increasingly investing in rare bottles. Here are three essential tips for wine collectors:

• **Educate Yourself:** Only a small percentage of world's wine makes up the most marketable investments. While the wines of Bordeaux and Burgundy command the highest price, get to learn the value of all vintages.

• **Price Factors:** Do the work to learn what affects the value of vino — like age and maturation, supply and demand and the price of vintages themselves.

• **Storage:** Although ideal wine storage hovers around 13 de-

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grees Celsius, it's also important to understand such conditions as air quality, humidity, corkage and how to rack your bottles.

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Smoking is the new grilling

INTERVIEW

BBQ guru Steven Raichlen pushes flavour boundaries

Most people wouldn't dream of smoking ice cream, but grilling guru Steven Raichlen insists you can. In his pursuit of adding depth of flavour to food, he's tried smoking almost everything.

Not only does Raichlen smoke the traditional — ribs, pork shoulder, brisket, chicken — but he likes to push the envelope with eggs, cheesecake and even ice cubes for cocktails.

The TV host and author calls smoke the "umami of barbecue" because it acts like a flavour intensifier, transforming familiar foods into something unique.

Smoked eggs taste as if they've been kissed by a brisket or smoked salmon. A quick strong blast of smoke on ice cream keeps it from melting and is "just enough to get a wonderful patina."

"It's the best ice cream you'll ever taste because it has something that ice cream doesn't normally have," Raichlen says during a recent visit to Toronto. "You know the movie *The Wizard of Oz*, the point in the movie where it goes from black and white to colour? I would say regular ice cream is black and white, and then when it's smoked it goes to Technicolor," he says.

While researching his new book *Project Smoke*, published by Workman, Raichlen built a cedar smokehouse at his prop-



Smoking is easy, but it's not simple

Steven Raichlen

+ QUICK TIPS TO GET YOU STARTED

Things to know about smoking

Flavour raw food

Pre-smoke flavouring techniques include salting, curing, brining, rubbing, marinating and injecting. During smoking, you can add mop sauces, sprays, bastes, glazes and barbecue sauces. A basic barbecue rub is used a lot on fatty meats like pork shoulder or ribs. Brine is used with lean meats like chicken and turkey.

Choose wood

A misconception is that apple or cherry wood will make food taste like those fruits. Damp wood may become mouldy. Raichlen once

thought mould would burn away at 200 C (400 F), but the flavour came through in the smoke and ruined his food.

Add wood slowly

Wood should be added very gradually once every 40 minutes to an hour. The smoke should be pale blue. If it's dark black or billowing, you may be adding too much. Your food should just be "kissed" by smoke. And remember that lower heat produces more smoke; higher temperatures produce less.



erty on Martha's Vineyard, then experimented with a huge array of condiments and seasonings.

He came up with smoked mayonnaise, which is "absolutely wondrous" on a BLT or a lobster roll, and smoked sour cream for baked potatoes. He infused heavy cream for whipping, and experimented with smoking vanilla, salt, sugar, ketchup, hot sauce, mustard, honey and maple syrup.

But he found chocolate and peppercorns did not smoke well, likely because of their bitter, earthy flavour profiles.

"Smoking is easy, but it's not simple," he says, and so he leads newbie and experienced smokers alike through the intricacies

of buying one of the many types of smokers on the market. He also provides tips on techniques like hot, cold or smoke-roasting, building a fire, choosing the right wood for meats and determining when the cook is done.

Raichlen, the author of more than two dozen books including *The Barbecue! Bible*, *How to Grill* and *Planet Barbecue!*, said writing his latest "was a real journey of discovery for me quite literally."

He travelled to Oaxaca, Mexico to learn how mezcal is made with smoked and roasted cactus hearts; Islay Island, Scotland where barley is smoked over peat to make Scotch whisky; Scandinavia for smoked fish; and the Italian Alps for smoked ham and cheese.

He often visits Quebec to film TV shows in French — *Le Maître du Grill* and most recently *La Tag BBQ* — and is a fan of Montreal's smoking scene. He includes a recipe for Montreal meatballs in the book. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Smoked Potato Salad is just one of the non-traditional smoked dishes in *Project Smoke*. COURTESY MATTHEW BENSON/PROJECT SMOKE



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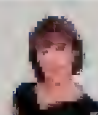
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Calories 932
Fat 76g
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**HERE'S WHY**

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Who can't help but crave a juicy grilled steak when on the patio or at the cottage? The type of steak you pick isn't just a palate preference — choosing a leaner cut makes a world of difference when it comes to nutrition. The rib-eye might be considered a prestigious and delicious cut, but you're consuming close to half your daily calories and fat. The New York Strip steak is not only a more affordable cut, it also cuts your calories and total fat by half, and has a third of the saturated fat.

LIQUID ASSETS**Prosecco wins for summer sipping**

While in Venice last month I made a pilgrimage to Harry's Bar, one of li-quordom's most famous watering holes. Opened in 1931, it holds a special place in the hearts of cocktail fans thanks to the Bellini, a blend of sparkling prosecco wine and peach purée invented by then owner Giuseppe Cipriani. Now a haunt for tourists looking for a taste of old Venezia, back in the day Harry's was a celebrity hangout where the likes of Ernest Hemingway, Alfred Hitchcock and Orson Wells bellied up to the bar. Named after a 15th century Venetian artist, the pink and fruity Bellini is a light, low alcohol refresher perfect for relaxing summer afternoons. Just fill a glass with two parts Italian bubbly, like the crisp Blu Giovello Prosecco (\$13.85-\$17.99), and one part peach juice. While many bartenders choose a champagne flute, Harry's serves theirs in a simple high-ball-style tumbler.

PETER ROCKWELL/METRO

MUSIC**CBC wants to air The Hip's final show**

Fans frustrated by sky-high ticket prices will be happy to know that the CBC wants to broadcast The Tragically Hip's final show — but the deal isn't done yet.

"We are interested in airing the Tragically Hip's final show and are having conversations with the band to see if we can make it happen," said CBC communications advisor Emma Bédard.

Meanwhile, Ontario's attorney general says she's prepared to try and find out why so many Tragically Hip fans couldn't buy tickets for their summer concerts — unless they wanted to pay many times face value on resale sites.

Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur says she sympathizes with fans who would have to pay such tremendous prices to see the band. She says the ministry needs to look at what is happening now with the resale prices and insists she wants to fix the situation. Fans who were frustrated by their inability to get tickets for The Tragically Hip's farewell tour had mounted a campaign to have the band's

final show broadcast on the CBC.

This followed outrage over tickets showing up on reseller websites for hundreds of dollars more than their face value after selling out almost instantly when first offered for sale Monday.

"The Hip have had a defining influence on our country, and, for so many of us, are core to our identity as Canadians," wrote Grant Bishop in an open letter to the CBC on his Facebook page.

"What would be awesome is if you could live video broadcast this concert. In particular, it would be great if you would provide a video feed for fans to gather to watch the Hip's final show in public venues across this country — and wherever Canadians are in the world."

Pre-sale tickets were sold out within minutes on Ticketmaster, with online resellers like StubHub offering them up for almost 10 times their market value. While the original ticket price ranged from \$56-\$166 at the Air Canada Centre, on StubHub they ranged from \$142-\$1,310 each.

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A food stylist's Instagram secrets

INTERVIEW

Making social media meals look good enough to eat

Amy Pataki
Torstar News Service

A lot of television cooking magic lies in the editing. So says American food stylist Susan Spungen (Julie & Julia). Spungen created the dishes on new TV drama Feed the Beast, in which two best friends try to turn their lives around by opening an upscale Greek restaurant. The series premieres June 5 on AMC. Tommy Moran (David Schwimmer) is the sommelier. Dion Patras (Jim Sturgess) is the chef. Food is also a major character. We talked to Spungen about how to make home cooking, as well as TV food, look appetizing.

We see Dion smashing garlic and hacking lamb shanks. Did Jim Sturgess know how to cook?
I'm not sure how much experi-



Jim Sturgess and David Schwimmer star in the new AMC restaurant drama Feed the Beast, premiering June 5. Above left: A rack of lamb with smoked eggplant, olive and gigante beans from the show. CONTRIBUTED

ence he has as a home cook, but he has spent a ton of time learning skills in cooking classes as we've been shooting, so he's improved a lot, but a lot can be done with editing, too!

Eggplant purée usually looks like grey mush. You used it with lamb.
Well, if used as a background for other things, it's a nice,

blank canvas on which to build a plate.

For the last decade, chefs have been using tweezers, squeeze bottles and even liquid nitrogen to jazz up their plates. How can home cooks make their plates look good?
Well, that is just one very particular style, and it is not really representative of all

chefs and all styles of cooking. Dion Patras is not a tweezer chef. I think it is best to make sure to cook food well, using good technique and make sure you have a lot of colour on the plate, which doesn't necessarily mean a lot of different colours. A monochromatic plate can be beautiful. The colours should be considered before you decide what to cook.

What are your top three plating don'ts?

Don't plate too soon, especially sliced red meat. Don't use tweezers! And don't sprinkle parsley on the edge of the plate (so '80s).

Your Instagram is pure food porn. How can readers take a beautiful food photo?

I always look for an exciting

+ PHOTO TIPS

Susan Spungen's tricks for drool-worthy digital pics

Get good light
Avoid artificial light if you can, and try snapping the plate from a few different angles for the best look.

Hold the parsley
It's so '80s!

Don't overindulge
Not every photo needs to go online.

food moment — and then I have to find some good light. When I'm home, I will move something around and shoot it in a couple of different locations to find the best light. Then I do a little tuning to make it pop more. Avoid artificial light if you can. And of course, colour and composition should be taken into consideration.

Also, only post it if you think it's pretty good. You don't have to post every picture you take.



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

An addictive antidote to life's uncertainties

THE SHOW: The Wendy Williams Show (CBS)
THE MOMENT: "Ask Wendy"

Audience members lob questions at afternoon talk show host Wendy Williams. "My new husband invited my ex-boyfriend to visit," a gay man says. "Should I be worried?"

"Yes," Wendy replies flatly.

A woman asks, "My boyfriend's daughter lives with him. How can I get her out?"

"When he gives you a ring and you set a date, your opinion will count," Wendy answers.

Another woman says, "My boyfriend and I took a break. During the break he slept with his ex. Now she's pregnant..."

Wendy cuts her off: "This is not worth your trouble. Move along."

I'd never seen this show before and I can't believe the speed and certitude with which Wendy dispenses advice. In fact I can't believe how quickly Wendy talks period: So many words said so authoritatively in so little time it's breathtaking, or rather not



Wendy Williams. DIMITRIOS KAMBOURIS/GETTY IMAGES FOR OPERATION SMILE

breathtaking, since she talks without taking any breaths at all.

Her guests are the same. Before "Ask Wendy," Williams interviewed fashion

Watch Williams, and for a precious hour, live in a world without doubt.

guru Andre Leon Talley. In two minutes flat, they covered a new fashion doc, Will Smith's children ("Jaden is gender fluid!" Talley cried repeatedly), what's out of style ("Over-decorated nails, rudeness, and women on the street at noon who are dressed for pole dancing") and his podcast.

If you are plagued by uncertainty, this show is the antidote. Watch Williams, and for a precious hour, live in a world without doubt, where good-looking people who have all the answers tell them to you quickly. She's cocaine in human form.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Summer may seem like the ideal time to take to the road, but it's important to remember to stay focused on your driving and to leave yourself lots of space on the highway, experts say. ISTOCK

Stay safe on the road this summer

DRIVER SAFETY

Speeding and distracted driving pose major threats

Michelle Williams

It's summer driving season. This time of year, drivers aren't dealing with ice and snow; roads are generally easy to drive and days are long so there's less driving in the dark. Conditions may appear to be good, but data shows that while the frequency of accidents is higher during the winter months, there is a spike in insurance claims during July and August that suggests collisions are more serious in summer.

"During the summer months, drivers may be less alert and watchful because road conditions are good," explains Steve Kee, spokesperson for the Insurance Bureau of Canada. "But there's so much going on — there are potholes left from winter, lots of vehicles including bikes and motorcycles, more pedestrians. It's actually a time

when we should be extra vigilant about how we drive.

False sense of security

"What we see is distracted driving, which is a major cause for auto collisions," Kee says. "Drivers get lulled into a false sense of security on the road. They focus on music, texts and talking on the phone, as well as figuring out directions to where they're going, eating while they're driving, dealing with the kids or the dog. It's easy to get sidetracked, but important to drive safely and responsibly."

Heavy traffic

Another challenge is traffic. Especially for Canadians traveling to summer homes or vacation spots on Friday and Sunday nights, roads can be thick with traffic and cars may be moving at a snail's pace. Add road construction to the mix and you can be facing huge jams. When the road opens up, often people put the pedal to the metal and try to make up for lost time.

"Speed limits are there for a reason. It's all about what speed is safe for you to drive," says Kee. "If you go above the limit, it won't really get you to where you're going that much faster

but it may get you a ticket or perhaps cause an accident; both may cause your insurance premiums to go up."

Sun glare

Another issue for summer driving is the sun. "Invest in a good pair of sunglasses," Kee says. "They're important when you're driving into the sun to help cut the glare." He also recommends you keep your windshield clean inside and out so you can easily see through the window when the sun is shining.

Quick breaks

For longer road trips, take frequent stops. "When I drive, I try and stop every hour or so for a quick break. Otherwise, your hands can get numb, your legs stiff, your eyes tired," he says.

“Drivers may be less alert and watchful because road conditions are good.”

Steve Kee, Insurance Bureau of Canada

He suggests programming your GPS before you start so you aren't distracted looking for directions.

Roadworthy

Making sure your car is roadworthy is another important aspect to safe summer driving. "Checking your tires and air pressure is really smart practice," Kee also says you should check fluid levels and have your car serviced before any major road trip.

Other drivers

Finally, watch out for other drivers. "Unfortunately, many people still drink and drive, especially in summer," says Kee. "Leave yourself lots of space on the road, especially at night and the early hours of the morning. Be watchful of other cars as you go through intersections or pass by cross streets in case another driver is driving dangerously, drunk or otherwise." If you see someone you suspect may be driving under the influence, he says, call the police immediately to report it. "If you're not alone in the car, get your passenger to make the call. If you're by yourself, pull over before you phone."

+ SAFETY TIPS FOR SUMMER DRIVERS

• **Before you head out** on a road trip, double check seat belts and child car seats to ensure everyone is safely strapped in.

• **If you're hauling a trailer** or boat or have a cargo box or kayak on the roof, your car may feel a little more unwieldy to manage. Allow extra space between you and other vehicles, don't make sudden lane changes or quick turns and drive cautiously.

• **With school out**, there are more teens on the roads in summer. They're inexperienced and are that much more likely to make driving errors — one more reason for you to be a defensive driver.

• **It's prime season** for road construction — remember that it's your responsibility to slow down when you see a construction site ahead.

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Nimble car, fantastic steering



REVIEW

Golf R a truly great ride, manual or no

This is the first year the Golf R is available with an automatic transmission.

Driving a Volkswagen Golf R has always put you in a special club of "Save the Manuals" fanatics, so more than a couple enthusiasts melodramatically proclaimed that "this is the end" when VW announced that a six-speed DSG would become available in the hot hatch for the first time ever.

Fans liked the fact that this hot hatch used to be manual-only, because it felt like an exclusive club, but how does the R do with this new DSG? Is the hot hatch just as hot without three pedals?

The quick answer is that this six-speed DSG is probably the best dual clutch automatic transmission on the market right now, so any fears about an automatic neutering of the R and making it boring are completely unfounded.

The shifts are like rapid fire, and the DSG never gets confused and always seems to know what gear to be in. There's no weird shuddering at low speeds, and it's not shy about dropping down a gear to keep the engine in its sweet spot when you need more power. The automatic is just so good, it doesn't really take away from how fun the R feels and it will even get to 96 km/h about 0.7 seconds faster than

the manual can, even though the manual is 36 kilograms lighter.

Helping it hit those speeds is a 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder with 292 horsepower. That may not seem like much in a world of 700-hp Hellcats, but in practice, you'll never find yourself wanting more. Getting up to highway speeds or juking around traffic in town, the R feels so much faster than its numbers suggest. It's a nimble car with fantastic steering.

When you first get into the R, it can feel a lot like a GTI, maybe a bit stiffer and slightly quicker. But switching into Race mode changes the car's personality entirely.

One complaint about the R in its regular driving mode was that it was too quiet. Well, race mode has your back.

All of a sudden, the R puts its mean face on, it's faster, it's more responsive, and has a growly sound to match. It's loud enough to make you smile, but isn't so loud that you feel like a teenaged idiot with a fart can.

The R starts at just over \$39,995, which is a bargain for a car with this type of poise and performance, but loaded up, those numbers can quickly creep up, making it one of the more pricey VWs.

All in all, the GTI has always been a great car, and the R makes it even better.

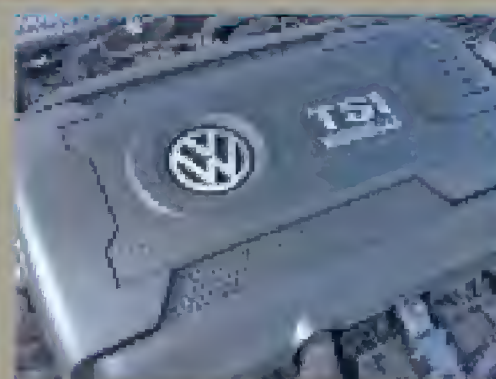
It's well-rounded, refined, fun, practical, and it's just as happy ripping through twisty roads as it is just going to the grocery store. And this is still true, even with an automatic transmission.

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THE CHECKLIST | 2016 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF R

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Engine: 2.0L turbo four-cylinder
Power: 292 hp
Transmission: Six-speed DSG (or Six-speed manual)
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 10.4 city, 7.9 highway (DSG)
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LEAVE IT

- GTI is already so good
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3 THINGS THAT'LL WREAK HAVOC ON YOUR PAINT JOB

Cars are tough, but that colourful coating on the outside isn't as durable as you may think. Here's a quick list of what kind of things can screw up your paint. AUTOGUIDE.COM

1 Bugs



The sign of a true spring and summer road trip is to see some bug splatter on your car's windshield and bumper. Some of the acids in bugs can seriously eat away at your car's paint if left for too long. Acids found in the blood of insects can permanently damage your car, and need special attention. Most experts agree that lathering up the bug guts ASAP helps.



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2 Drinks

Sometimes we leave our coffee or soda cups on the hood of our car while getting in. Take care not to spill that stuff, because there's some nasty, paint-eating stuff in both coffee and most soda. Coffee and cola are both acidic and both will damage and corrode your paint if left untreated.



3 Dust

Dust is very fine dirt and if one of your cheeky friends writes in it, they can seriously screw up and scratch your paint. Dust and pollen can leave scratches if you wipe it dry. A gentle car wash will help clear this dirt without damaging the paint, but if you do wipe it and leave a scratch you may need help from a detailer.

The Carolina Hurricanes have hired former NHL defenceman Ulf Samuelsson to coach their AHL affiliate in Charlotte



Sidney Crosby had an assist in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final on Monday night in Pittsburgh.

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‘That’s why he’s as good as he is’

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Crosby attends optional practice after Game 1 victory

The probable scratches at a sparsely attended Pittsburgh Penguins practice were joined by arguably the best hockey player in the world.

Hours after a dominant performance in the Penguins’ 3-2 win over San Jose to open the Stanley Cup final, Sidney Crosby toiled alongside those that likely would not play in Game 2.

Crosby took to the ice at the UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex about 15 minutes before the scheduled 12:15 p.m. workout. He lingered after the session, working on his shot in the slot and sharpening his skills in the faceoff circle.

It was an example of the leadership the Penguins speak about glowingly.

“I don’t think he’s as good as he is by accident,” Penguins coach Mike Sullivan said. “As long as I’ve been associated with this league I don’t know that I’ve been around a player that has the same work ethic as Sid does as far as that insatiable appetite to try to just get better and be the best. And I think that’s why he’s as good as he is.”

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Crosby is tied for eighth in playoff points with 16 — six goals and 10 assists.

“It also sets a standard for our team when your captain and your top player brings a work ethic to the rink every day like he does,” Sullivan added. “He certainly makes my job as the head coach a lot easier as far as demanding the type of standard that we need to be successful.”

Crosby was all over the ice in nearly 21 minutes on Monday night. He set up the Penguins’ second goal with a rifled backhand pass that zipped across the ice to Conor Sheary, adding four shots and a 57 per cent success mark on the draw.

His line, which included Sheary and Swedish winger Patric Hornqvist, generated plenty of chances in the victory, with sustained time in the offensive zone.

Crosby said getting back on the ice Tuesday was in keeping with routine.

“It was nice to have the opportunity to go out there today because you work on a lot of stuff,” he said.

Eric Fehr was the only other player who suited up in Game 1 to join Crosby at the practice.

“He’s got the ‘C’ on his chest for a reason,” Sheary said of Crosby. “When you see him doing things like that it makes you think you’re not working hard enough.”

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Rust listed as day-to-day after hit to the head

Not on the ice Tuesday was **Bryan Rust**, injured in the third period of Game 1.

Rust, who scored the Penguins’ first goal on Monday, was hit in the head by the Sharks’ Patrick Marleau. Rust played one

shift afterward before exiting the game for good and was deemed to be day-to-day with an upper-body injury.

Sullivan had no further update on his status on Tuesday.

Marleau was not suspended for the play.



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FRENCH OPEN

Nos. 2, 6 in women’s draw lose in the rain

Yes, they actually managed to complete a match on this wettest of weeks at the French Open. Two, even. And both involved surprises: two of the top half-dozen seeded women lost within minutes of each other, No. 2 Agnieszka Radwanska and No. 6 Simona Halep.

After their fourth-round exits Tuesday, both Radwanska and Halep complained firmly about tournament organizers’ decision to make them play through drizzles — or worse —

that made courts slippery and clay-caked tennis balls heavy.

“I mean, it’s not a (low-tier) tournament. It’s a Grand Slam. How can you allow players to play in the rain?” said Radwanska.

Radwanska dropped 10 consecutive games while being beaten 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 by 102nd-ranked Tsvetana Pironkova. Halep lost 7-6 (0), 6-3 to No. 21 Sam Stosur in a contest between two past finalists at Roland Garros. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Glenn Howard’s team gets younger in shuffle

Veteran skip Glenn Howard is adding some youth to his team for the upcoming curling season.

David Mathers, 25, will join the rink at the second position and Richard Hart will move into the vice-skip role.

Longtime teammate Wayne Middaugh will not return as he was unable to commit to a full campaign after suffering a serious leg injury last winter.

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Hitchcock to coach Blues for one more season

Ken Hitchcock has another one-year deal to coach the St. Louis Blues. The 64-year-old Hitchcock says this one will be his last.

Hitchcock said he plans to retire from coaching after the 2016-17 season because he’s not willing to put in the off-season preparation necessary.

Hitchcock will be entering his sixth season with the Blues and 20th season as a head coach.

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LPGA TOUR

Ko keen on playing in Calgary after Rio

The opening round of this summer’s Canadian Women’s Open tees off just five days after the Olympic women’s golf tournament concludes in Rio.

Despite the tight turnaround, Lydia Ko will try to defend her title at the Aug. 25-28 Canadian Pacific Women’s Open. She hopes to bring an Olympic gold medal with her.

The world No. 1 is in Calgary this week doing her homework at Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club.



Lydia Ko
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The debut of women’s golf at the Summer Games means a compressed and hectic summer ahead for the 19-year-old star, but the Canadian stop on the

LPGA Tour holds a special place her heart. Her first and second Tour wins were in Canada in 2012 and 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jays take first two in series with Yankees

MLB

Pillar puts versatility to good use vs. division rivals

Darwin Barney and Kevin Pillar are proving they're more than just defensive specialists.

Pillar followed up a spectacular catch in the outfield with a tiebreaking single and Barney drove in two before making his own highlight-reel play in the field to lead the Toronto Blue Jays past the New York Yankees 4-1 on Tuesday night.

"You hit your way to the big leagues," said Barney, who is playing at shortstop after regular starter Troy Tulowitzki was placed on the 15-day disabled list on Saturday with a strained right quadriceps. "I was always a guy that could swing the bat and I had a couple of down years and you get kind of dubbed as a defence-first player and I went to work trying to get back to who I was."

Justin Smoak had a home run in the fourth inning for the Blue Jays (28-26), who have back-to-back wins and have been victorious in six of their last seven.

J.A. Happ (6-2) earned a no-decision after giving up a run on four hits over six innings with four strikeouts. Joe Biagini and Jesse Chavez pitched a scoreless inning each before closer Roberto Osuna came on to earn his 12th save of the season. Biagini (3-1) earned the win as the pitcher of record when Pillar hit his RBI single.

Pillar, who improved to .246 with the single, is hitting well below his .278 average from last season. He believes that in the first few months of this season



Jays centre-fielder Kevin Pillar slides into home plate on Tuesday at Rogers Centre.

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TUESDAY in Toronto



he's been putting too much pressure on himself.

"For me, that hit today was big," said Pillar. "I kind of felt like my at-bats today were leading up to something good. I was being selective, I was seeing pitches. I was in the zone. That was a big moment for me."

C.C. Sabathia (3-4) took the loss after giving up two runs on four hits and five strikeouts over six innings for New York (24-27).

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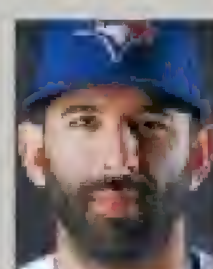
Bautista: Hometown discounts unfair to players

Jays slugger Jose Bautista says he would "love" to remain in Toronto after this season, but is also intent on testing the free-agent waters.

Bautista, who is in the option year of a \$78-million deal he signed in 2011, told Sports Illustrated if he does remain a Jay, he won't do so for the so-called "hometown" discount.

"I love the city," Bautista told SI. "I'd be stupid to leave."

"But," the 36-year-old added, "I will explore every single option, whether it happens or not with the new regime, to continue to try to stay here. That being said, I think teams utilize that a lot against players,



Jose Bautista
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(seeking) a discount or bargain price, and I think that's extremely unfair."

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Argos QB Ricky Ray fakes a handoff to Dillon Campbell last week in Guelph, Ont. PETER POWER /TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN ONTARIO

Argos' Ray looking good to Milanovich

Toronto Argonauts head coach Scott Milanovich is sleeping pretty soundly these days.

That's because veteran quarterback Ricky Ray continues to throw pain-free at the team's training camp. Ray missed most of last season recovering from shoulder surgery.

The 36-year-old Californian went under the knife after playing with pain in the joint for two years. But roughly a week after reporting to the Argos — Ray joined the club's rookies last week before camp officially opened on the weekend — the

three-time Grey Cup champion is experiencing no shoulder discomfort, which is great news for Milanovich.

"His arm looks better than it has in two years to me," Milanovich said Tuesday following the third day of training camp. "It's back to the way it was when he first got here (in 2012)."

"The only concern now is if it's able to stay strong throughout the season. Usually the third day (of camp) is the hardest day and he looked great. It's making it easier to sleep at night, there's no doubt." THE CANADIAN PRESS

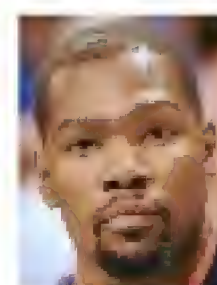
NBA

Full-court press on Durant's future

Kevin Durant sat at the press conference table with Russell Westbrook by his side, the two friends and teammates trying to get their minds around letting a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference final slip away.

It didn't take long for Durant to face a question about his future in Oklahoma City.

"We just lost like 30 minutes ago, so I haven't even thought about it," Durant said after a Game 7 loss to the Warriors ended the Thunder's season.



Kevin Durant
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"I'll think about that stuff, I don't know when. But we just lost an hour ago, 30 minutes ago, so I don't know."

The all-world scorer will become a free agent on July 1 and will be the most coveted player on the market.

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TORONTO-ATLANTA TRADE

'There's lot to like about Jason': GM Atkins

The Blue Jays attempted to close some of the holes in their bullpen with the acquisition of a former closer on Tuesday. The Jays acquired 39-year-old right-handed reliever Jason Grilli from Atlanta for 21-year-old minor-league right-hander Sean Ratcliffe from Ajax, Ont.

The Jays also acquired cash in the deal to offset much of Grilli's contract.

Grilli, a National League all-star as recently as 2013 with the Pirates, had been struggling with the Braves in 2016, com-



Jason Grilli
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saves with a 2.94 ERA.

"There's a lot that we like about Jason and how he complements this team," Jays general manager Ross Atkins said.

ing off surgery to repair a torn Achilles tendon and posting a record of 0-2 with a 5.29 ERA in 21 games. In 2015, prior to the injury, he posted 24

"The first thing that comes to mind is experience. He's been on winning teams in very high-leverage situations. He gets a ton of swing-and-miss, has got a lot of swing-and-miss in his career."

"Those are good attributes for someone to be in a bullpen. We'll see how it pans out here."

Grilli began his Braves season walking nine batters and striking out 10 in nine innings through May 1. He was given five days off and, since that time, his numbers have im-

proved, with four walks and 13 strikeouts in eight innings. He will join the Jays on Wednesday.

"He's been trending better since his start," Atkins said. "He worked really hard to get back from that injury. Could have, potentially, come back too quick ... I think that could have contributed to a slower start. He's been pitching a lot better over the last few outings."

"He could be a very helpful piece to our bullpen."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BASEBALL IN BRIEF

Boston's Betts belts 3

Mookie Betts hit a career-high three homers and drove in five runs, and the Boston Red Sox cruised past the Baltimore Orioles 6-2 on Tuesday night to open a three-game lead in the AL East.

Betts led off the game with a shot to centre and added a three-run drive to left in the second inning. After lining out to second base in the fourth, Betts hit a bases-empty homer to right in the seventh.

Mariners party like it's 2012

Seth Smith hit two of Seattle's five home runs and finished with four RBIs, Adam Lind and Kyle Seager both hit three-run homers, and the Mariners pummeled San Diego 16-4 on Tuesday.

Seattle swept the first two games of a four-game set against its interleague rivals.

Seattle battered San Diego starter James Shields and had their biggest run output since scoring 21 against Texas in 2012.

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